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## **Media Advisory:**

# **VERMONT'S TOP SPELLERS COMPETE IN STATEWIDE SPELLING BEE**

**MONTPELIER** – The Vermont Agency of Education (AOE), Vermont Principals' Association (VPA), Vermont Humanities Council, and the Times Argus / Rutland Herald will host a statewide individual spelling bee for Vermont students on Wednesday, March 19 at 3:30 p.m. at the McCarthy Arts Center at St. Michael's College in Colchester.

The champion of this bee will travel to Washington, D.C., in June to participate in the Scripps National Spelling Bee, competing against top spellers from every other state in the nation.

In addition to advancing to the national spelling bee, the winner receives a trophy, and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., sponsored by Fairpoint Communications, Times Argus / Rutland Herald, Vermont Humanities Council, VPA, and AOE. The top three spellers will receive reference books and gift certificates, the second place winner will receive a plaque, and all students will receive a medallion for advancing to the state level. All of the students who compete in the national spelling bee will receive cash prizes ranging from \$50 to the \$12,000 championship prize. For more information on the national bee, visit [www.spellingbee.com](http://www.spellingbee.com).

Elementary and middle school students (through grade 8) under the age of 16 are eligible to participate in this competition. Students from across Vermont who will participate in the bee have already competed in their regional bees this winter.

For more information, contact Bob Johnson, VPA, at 802-229-0547; Linda Wrazen, Vermont Humanities Council, at 802-262-2626, ext. 309; or Angela Ross, AOE, at 802-595-5819.

**See the next page for a list of participants.**

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## 2014 Vermont Spelling Bee Participants

First Name	Last Name	School Name	Grade
Olivia	Schneider	Albany Community School	8
Isabelle	Petrucci	Albert D Lawton Intermediate School	7
Calista	Hanna	Barre City Elementary Middle School	7
Logan	Taylor	Barre Town Middle Elementary School	8
Grace	LaFromboise	Bethel Elementary School	6
Cooper	Densmore	Brighton Elementary School	7
Benjamin	Weinstein	Camels Hump Middle School	5
Andrew	Silverman	Charlotte Central School	8
Sophia	Moore-Smith	Christ The King School	8
Harley	Miller-Rowley	Crossett Brook Middle School	7
Cassidy	Beisler	Dothan Brook School	5
Emma	Barker	Edmunds Middle School	6
Liam	Lustberg	Frederick H Tuttle Middle School	8
Gavin	Ghafoori	Good Shepherd Catholic School	5
Erin	Magill	Harwood Union Middle High School	8
Emmalee	Henderson	Isle La Motte Elementary School	5
Vince	Ferrizzi	Leland Gray Union Mid/high School	7
Sullivan	Weston	Lyman C Hunt Middle School	6
Wilson	Krause	Lyndon Town School	5
Eric	Grey	Main Street Middle School	8
Chloe	Clark	Mary Hogan School	5
Beatrice	Shlansky	Mater Christi School	8
Eric	MacLaughlin	Milton Elementary School	7
Zoe	Brosky	Missisquoi Valley Union Middle School	7
Veronica	Stevens	NewBrook Elementary School	6
DeLu	Lee	Oak Meadow Home School	6
Joseph	Wills	Richford Junior Senior High School	8
Kaci	Cochran	Riverside School	7
Callum	Smathers	Rutland Intermediate School	4
Thomas	Daley	Shelburne Community School	8
Miguel	Levy	Shrewsbury Mountain Elementary School	2
Alice	Early	St. Mary School	3
EMMA	ROGERS	Stockbridge Central School	4
Fiona	Reed	Stowe Middle High School	8
Jordan	Bourdeau	Swanton Central School	5
Lucinda	Storz	Thaddeaus Stevens School	5
Clare	Swanson	Thetford Academy	8
Eamon	Deffner	Thetford Elementary School	6
Cameron	Brock	Tunbridge Central School	8
Zachary	Fucci	Waterford Elementary School	7
Ananth	Malladi	Williston Central School	8